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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ICELAND: IDF, FISHERIES DISPUTE AND PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

A. ICELAND' S PRIME MINISTER TOLD OUR AMBASSADOR IN REYKJAVIK THAT THE FISHERIES DISPUTE AND THE IDF RETENTION ISSUE ARE NOT SEPARATE AND HE WILL RAISE THEM WITH PRESIDENT NIXON NEXT WEEK. HE ALSO TOLD AN AP CORRESPONDENT THAT BRITISH INTERVENTION MAY IMPERIL THE FUTURE OF THE IDF, THAT ICELAND HAS FORMALLY NOTIFIED THE US OF ITS DESIRE TO REVIEW THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT, AND THAT THE RELAXATION OF EAST- WEST TENSIONS MAY MAKE THE IDF, AND EVEN NATO MEMBERSHIP, LESS VITAL. (SECRET) REYKJAVIK 579 AND (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) REYKJAVIK 577, 5/24.

B. EMBASSY REYKJAVIK REPORTS THAT PRIOR TO THE BRITISH SECRET

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NAVAL ACTION THE PROGNOSIS WAS THAT THE PRESENT COALITION GOVERNMENT WOULD FALL BY THE AUTUMN OF 1973. THE CONCENSUS NOW IS THAT IT WILL SURVIVE, HAVING BEEN STRENGTHENED BY THE DISPUTE.
(CONFIDENTIAL) REYKJAVIK 580, 5/24.

C. BRITISH EMBASSY ATTACKED

OVER 3000 DEMONSTRATORS, PROTESTING THE PRESENCE OF BRITISH FRIGATES INSIDE ICELAND' S CLAIMED FIFTY-MILE FISHING LIMIT, ATTACKED THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN REYKJAVIK FOR OVER THREE HOURS ON MAY 24. ALL OF THE EMBASSY' S WINDOWS WERE BROKEN AND DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.
(UNCLASSIFIED) REUTER 15-16, 5/25.

2. RUMORED SHUTDOWN OF OIL OUTPUT IN LIBYA

AN ESSO EUROPE OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY LONDON THAT THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT HAS SAID IT INTENDS TO SHUT DOWN THE " ENTIRE" OIL INDUSTRY PRODUCTION AS OF MAY 26 FOR AN UNSPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME. THE ESSO OFFICIAL SPECULATED THE LIBYANS MAY WANT TO INFLUENCE OPEC NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA OR TO FORCE MORE RAPID PROGRESS ON LIBYA' S OWN DEMANDS. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT REPORTS THAT SHELL IS TAKING A MORE RELAXED ATTITUDE THAN IS ESSO EUROPE TO THE LIBYAN THREAT.
(CONFIDENTIAL) LONDON 6156, 5/24 (LIMDIS).

3. NEGOTIATIONS ON STATUS OF MARIANAS

THE INITIAL FORMAL PHASE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF THE MARIANAS- US POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP CONCLUDED MAY 23. A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON A COMMONWEALTH RELATIONSHIP WHICH WILL VEST SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE MARIANAS IN THE US GOVERNMENT UNDER A TERRITORIAL RELATIONSHIP AND WHICH WILL PERMIT MAXIMUM MARIANAS CONTROL OVER LOCAL AFFAIRS. THE NEXT PHASE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, COVERING ECONOMICS
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AND FINANCE, LAND AND TRANSITION ISSUES HAS NOW BEGUN. THESE TALKS WILL PROBABLY RUN AT LEAST UNTIL JUNE 1.
(CONFIDENTIAL) CINCPACREP GUAM/ TTPI 0925 Z, 5/24.

4. FRG REPORTS TO NATO ON BREZHNEV VISIT

THE FRG REPRESENTATIVE REPORTED TO NATO ON MAY 22

THAT GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV TOLD CHANCELLOR BRANDT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF THE EC IS INEVITABLE AND THAT MOSCOW WILL BE OBLIGED TO GIVE IT SOME RECOGNITION. BREZHNEV ASKED MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW THE USSR MIGHT BENEFIT BY DEALING WITH THE EC.
(SECRET) USNATO 2536, 5/24.

5. CAMBODIAN SITUATION

ENEMY FORCES CONTINUE ATTACKS ON POSITIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE MEKONG RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF NEAK LONG. CAMBODIAN FORCES CONTINUE TO ADVANCE SLOWLY ALONG ROUTE 2 SOUTH OF TAKEO. ROUTE 4 HAS BEEN REOPENED, AND CONVOYS ARE REPORTED MOVING.
(SECRET) CAMBODIAN DAMSREP 5/24. RUSH

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